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Re: Application of: Hendrik FRANK
Serial No.: 09/696,812
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For: SHEET TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR A ROTARY
PRINTING PRESS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 27, 2002, applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims

2. (Amended) A rotary printing press with a sheet transport system comprising:
- two cylinders forming a nip;
 - a first rail configured on one side of a sheet transport path and a second rail configured on the other side of the sheet transport path; and
 - at least one first driven gripper being guided on the first rail and at least one second driven gripper being guided on the second rail,
 - the at least one first gripper and the at least one second gripper pulling a sheet to be conveyed in a feed direction, the sheet having a first side edge, a second side edge and a front end with respect to the feed direction,